Making Guidelines Work for Cardiovascular Patients

Patients and clinicians need current medical guidelines to inform treatment decisions.

But drug development can take up to 10 years.

The long lags can have an adverse impact on heart patients, leading to:

- Related Comorbidities
- ER Visits
- Avoidable Deaths

Gaps in care are especially hurtful for communities of color, which are more likely to face:

- Heart Disease
- Structural Racism
- Social Determinants of Health
- Geographical Challenges
- Financial Hardship

To help support all patients, guidelines must reflect:

- The Latest Science and Innovation
- Evidence-Based Practices
- Needs of Vulnerable Patients

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